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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation, and in order to drop heat flares, during the period 5 to 10 June 1993.

5 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Sinjar and Tall Afar.

At 1155 and 1240 hours on 5 June 1993, a hostile F-16 aircraft dropped five heat flares in the Tall Kayf district.

At 1835 hours on 5 June 1993, two hostile aircraft dropped one heat flare in the Qarah Qush area.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

6 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, and Amadiyah.

At 1240 hours on 6 June 1993, an aggressor aircraft dropped five heat flares to the south of the lake formed by Saddam Dam in the Ninawa Governorate.

At 1245 hours on 6 June 1993, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped five heat flares in the Mosul Dam area.

(b) Southern region: 41 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Sukkar, Jalibah, Amarah and Busayyah.

7 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Khidr, Artawi, Basra, Amarah and Salman.

8 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Salman and Busayyah.

At 1010 hours on 8 June 1993, a hostile F-16 aircraft dropped three heat flares in the Salamiyah areas of the Ninawa Governorate.

At 2101 hours on 8 June 1993, a hostile aircraft dropped one heat flare over Hawr al-Rumayd in the Islah district.

9 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Sinjar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the southern region on this day.

10 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Khidr, Busayyah, Jalibah, Amarah and Qurnah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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